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Applicant: Thomas J. Campana et al.  
Serial No: 07/702,938  
Filed : May 20, 1991  
For : System For Interconnecting  
Electronic Mail Systems

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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

1. Applicant petitions for the revival of the above-identified application.
2. Nature of abandonment  

In an office communication from the PTO dated \_\_\_\_\_ the undersigned has noted that the above-identified application is being forwarded to the Abandoned Files because applicant's response to the Official Action mailed \_\_\_\_\_ has not been received within the statutory period or any extension requested therefor.

☒ The undersigned has reviewed his records and noted that the response to the Official Action mailed April 21, 1993 was not timely filed within the statutory period or any extension requested therefor.
3. Response filed  

The proposed response to the Official Action mailed \_\_\_\_\_ has been filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith.
4. Verified showings from the relevant parties as to the causes of the unavoidable delays are filed herewith.
5. It will be seen from the attached showings that the processing procedures have been carefully reviewed and that steps have been taken to avoid repetition of the events which took place in this case so that a similar error will not be made in the future.
6. Terminal Disclaimer  

Abandonment took place on the following date July 21, 1993 and:

☒ Since this petition is within six months of that date no terminal disclaimer is required. A terminal disclaimer equivalent to the period of the application until the date of this petition is attached.
7. Status of applicant  
This application is on behalf of  

☒ small business entity - fee \$55.00  
☒ verified statement already filed on May 20, 1991  
☒ verified statement attached  
other than small business entity - fee \$110.00
8. Fee payment  

☒ Charge the petition fee of \$55.00 to Account No. 01-2135 and for any additional fee required. A duplicate of this petition is attached.  
A check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
☒ Charge Account No. 01-2135 for any additional fee required.



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**STATEMENT**

On September 9, 1992 a paper was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office granting the undersigned registered patent attorney a Power of Attorney in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/701,938.

On October 13, 1992 a Change of Address was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On November 25, 1992 an Office Action was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On February 4, 1993 an Amendment was filed in response to the Office Action dated February 25, 1992.

On February 16, 1993 a Notice of Ongoing Litigation was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On March 24, 1993 a Revocation of Power of Attorney was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On May 21, 1993 a Rescission of the Revocation of Power of Attorney was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

On December 3, 1993 a Notice of Abandonment was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the undersigned attorney's old address which was printed on an address label, which covered the typed address of Arnold, White & Durkee, 800 Quaker Tower, 321 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

The Notice of Abandonment further referenced an Office Action that was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated April 21, 1993, and which was presumably addressed to the law firm of Arnold, White & Durkee, since the undersigned attorney was no longer the attorney of record on that date.

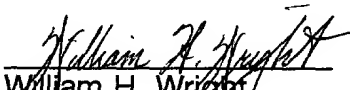
The undersigned attorney was not aware of the existence of the outstanding Office Action dated April 21, 1993 until receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated December 3, 1993.

Furthermore none of the inventors of record were aware of the existence of the Office Action dated April 21, 1993, due to the fact that this Office Action was mailed to the law firm that represented an individual who alleged rights to the application via a claim against the assignee of record.

As a consequence of the foregoing situation neither the undersigned attorney nor the inventors of record were made aware of the existence of an outstanding Office Action until the period for response had expired; and, the abandonment of this application was therefore unavoidable.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

  
William H. Wright  
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Date:

December 20, 1993

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